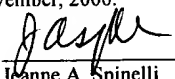



REMARKS

Prior to examination of this application, Applicant amends the specification and deletes Figure 6. No new matter has been added.

An early and favorable response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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